1 Marc A. Levinson (California Bar No. 57613) E-filed on April 26, 2007 Jeffery D. Hermann (California Bar No. 90445) ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP 2 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 3000 3 Sacramento, CA 95814-4497 Telephone: (916) 447-9200 4 Facsimile: (916) 329-4900 Email: malevinson@orrick.com; jhermann@orrick.com 5 Attorneys for the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of 6 USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA** 9 In re: Case No. BK-S-06-10725 LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10726 LBR USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, 10 Case No. BK-S-06-10727 LBR Debtor. Case No. BK-S-06-10728 LBR In re: 11 USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC. Case No. BK-S-06-10729 LBR Debtor. 12 Chapter 11 In re: USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED 13 FUND, LLC, Jointly Administered Under Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR 14 Debtor. 15 **DECLARATION OF MARC A.** USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC, LEVINSON IN SUPPORT OF Debtor. 16 ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP'S FINAL FEE USA SECURITIES, LLC, 17 APPLICATION Debtor. 18 Affects: Date: June 22, 2007 ☐ All Debtors 19 Time: 9:30 a.m. USA Commercial Mortgage Company Place: Courtroom #1 USA Securities, LLC 20 USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC 21 USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC × USA First Trust Deed Fund, LLC 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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I, Marc A. Levinson, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a partner in the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Orrick"), and have been admitted *pro hac vice* in this case this Court. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify with respect thereto.
- 2. Orrick was counsel to Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC ("DTDF Committee") until it disbanded on March 12, 2007, the Effective Date of the Plan. I am the Orrick partner with primary responsibility for the representation of the DTDF Committee in the cases of the above-captioned debtors (collectively, "Debtors"). I submit this declaration in support of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Final Fee Application ("Application"), which covers the period commencing on June 1, 2006 and ending on March 12, 2007.
- 3. On May 10, 2006, the Office of the United States Trustee ("UST") appointed the DTDF Committee and three other official committees in the Debtors' cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases"). On June 1, 2006, the UST filed an amended notice of appointment to the DTDF Committee. During the time that Orrick represented the DTDF Committee, there were six official members of the DTDF Committee and one *ex officio* member.
  - 4. On June 1, 2006, the DTDF Committee retained Orrick to serve as its counsel.
- 5. On June 12, 2006, the DTDF Committee filed its application to employ Orrick and my supporting declaration [Docket No. 619]. Orrick filed my supplemental Levinson declaration and my second supplemental declaration regarding Orrick's employment on June 16, 2006 and August 11, 2006, respectively [Docket Nos. 693 and 1141, respectively]. On June 22, 2006, this Court entered an order approving the DTDF Committee's employment of Orrick as its counsel, *nunc pro tunc* as of June 1, 2006 [Docket No. 775].
- 6. Pursuant to the Administrative Order Establishing Procedures For Interim Compensation And Reimbursement Of Expenses Of Professionals (Affects All Debtors) ("Interim Fee Procedures Order"), Orrick has sent monthly fee statements for each month commencing with June 2006 and ending with January 2007, along with copies of its billing

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statements for the Application Period, to the Debtors, the UST, and the other three official committees.

- 7. Orrick also sent a copy of each of the monthly statements described in Paragraph 7 to the Chair of the DTDF Committee, Robert G. Worthen. In addition, it sent Mr. Worthen a statement for the period February 2007 through March 12, 2007. Because Orrick knew that DTDF needed to husband its cash following confirmation of the Plan and that Revested DTDF would need to husband its cash at the outset of its existence after the Effective Date, it did not file and serve monthly fee statements for the month of February or the period March 1 through 12, 2007.
- 8. On August 31, 2006, Orrick filed its First Interim Fee Application, which covered the months of June and July 2007 [Docket No. 1214]. The Court's order approving such application was entered on October 6, 2006. Such order approved compensation in the amount of \$467,794.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$8,173.54, for a total of \$475,968.04 [Docket No. 1457].
- 9. The Application represents Orrick's final application for allowance and payment of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary costs incurred on behalf of the DTDF Committee. It covers the period commencing on June 1, 2006 and ending on March 12, 2007. True and correct copies of Orrick's billing statements are attached hereto. Each of the billing statements reflects the invoice distributed as described herein. Each was prepared under my direct supervision, and each reflects the time entries made in the ordinary course of business by or at the direction of the Orrick lawyers and legal assistants whose names appear in the statements. The statements attached hereto are as follows:

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10. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the five charts attached as exhibits to the Application are true and accurate summaries of the data contained in Orrick's billing statements and in other Orrick books and records kept in the ordinary course of its business.

11. Without a request being made by any interested party, Orrick has voluntarily written off approximately \$77,000 of fees billed to this case which, in my opinion (as the billing partner), were not sufficiently necessary or productive to be passed on to the DTDF estate. The \$2,228,780.60 in total fees sought in the Application is net of the amount voluntarily written off. In addition, despite the Orrick having raised its standard billing rates by an average of approximately 6% effective January 1, 2007, no such fee increase is sought in the Application. Based on the fees for the period January 1 through March 12, 2007, such concession amounts to an additional discount of approximately \$16,600.

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12. Mindful of the limited resources in this case, Orrick has voluntarily limited its charges for travel time to and from Las Vegas and Salt Lake City to 2.5 hours each way, although such travel generally takes longer. In fact, the actual travel time is approximately 3.5 hours each way and maximum time, due to flight delays and the like, can exceed (and has exceeded) six hours. Orrick attorneys almost always work on the plane on this matter while traveling.

Executed this 26th day of April at Sacramento, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/Marc A. Levinson
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